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Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Internet Access for Our Economy

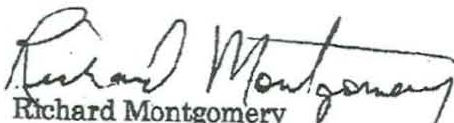
Dear Chairman Martin:

I am an advocate of small businesses. I believe that entrepreneurship is one of a few things that keeps our economy thriving. Therefore, small business owners should be rewarded for their efforts. Unfortunately, many of them, especially those just starting out cannot afford basic necessities, like the internet.

Small business owners need the internet for an array of daily activities, including marketing. The internet is especially valuable to companies like retailers. In the second quarter of this year alone, internet retail sales totaled \$26.3 billion. Those who are unable to get internet access will be forced to forego valuable opportunities and possibly large amounts of revenue. We need to maintain our economic security and strength. Our country cannot afford to lose many more of its entrepreneurs.

If this is an issue that is being taken up in the near future, as I'm told it will be, please keep these things in mind.

Sincerely,


Richard Montgomery

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